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The Honorable Patrick Leahy Chairman Committee On the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Arlen Specter Ranking Minority Member Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Senator Specter:

I am aware of the deep concern of many Utah small manufacturers and charities about the retroactive provisions in the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-314), and the potential liability of Utah companies under the newly-enacted law.

There are serious concerns about the unintended consequences of the provisions that impose liability and criminal penalties to those selling goods on the secondary market. For this reason, I request that the Senate Judiciary Committee hold a hearing as soon as possible so that we may have gain a better understanding of the consequences of the newly-enacted law on all affected parties, including law enforcement and our judicial system.

Thank you, again, for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator

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